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**PATENT APPLICATION**

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For: STABLE AREA DETECTION DEVICE OF PLATEN GAP AND RECORDING APPARATUS

**COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT  
OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

The Examiner's statement should not be misinterpreted as meaning that the features identified by the Examiner are the only patentable features in the claims. The independent claims and the dependent claims also include various other aspects that provide a separate basis for patentability. The Examiner's statement paraphrases a portion of the subject matter of the claims, but each claim should be interpreted using its own precise language, and not the para-phrase and summary included in the Examiner's statement.

Respectfully submitted,

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